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in Workflow Management Systems

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Amendment and Response to Office Action;
- (2) Associate Power of Attorney; and
- (3) Change of Correspondence Address.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the Amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error.

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In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As deviation from said standard behavior the proposed teaching allows one or more control connectors to be associated with a time interval. Once said time interval has been expired, the processing to start the target activity is continued, even if not all truth values of said incoming control connectors have been posted yet, if the truth value of the incoming control connector (associated with said time interval) has been posted and if said truth value evaluates to TRUE.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2 and 3 by rewriting same as follows: